Deficiency of doctors in Laxmi Nagar Dispensary

3110. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients treated in CGHS Dispensary Number 67, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi during the last two years;

(b) whether there are sufficient number of doctors for such a large number of patients;

(c) if not, what are the steps Government are taking to deploy more doctors there;

(d) whether it is also a fact that doctors have to do more clerical kind of job than treating patients in the CGHS dispensaries;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(f) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) 3,28,992 patients were treated in CGHS Dispensary, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi during the period April, 2004 to March, 2006.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In view of the (b) above, the question does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) In view of the (d) above, the questions do not arise.

Tobacco consumption among the adolescent

3111. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the numbers of adolescent using tobacco in metro cities has doubled as per the study by Indian Cancer Association in the year 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for the increase in tobacco users; and

(c) the details of actions taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) A news item published in the newspaper Hindustan Times dated 2nd March 2005 reported that the number of tobacco users among the teenagers in metros has almost doubled since 2001. The said study was not commissioned by the Government and details of the report are not available.

(c) While information, educational and communication activities are undertaken from time to time through print, electronic and other media, the Government in order to discourage the consumption of Tobacco Products has enacted the "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Projects (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" banning smoking in public places including educational institutions; sale of tobacco products to minors; and sale around educational institutions specially to protect the health of children and youth. The State Governments, which are the main implementing agencies, have been requested to put in place appropriate mechanisms for proper enforcement.

Upgradation of Medical College in Kolkata

3112. SHRI MUKUL ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to upgrade the Medical College Hospital in Kolkata to the standard of the AIIMS in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the present status of the proposal; and

(c) whether the upgraded institution would be under the control of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it has been